. I am fully in support of RM-10870 and partially in support of RM-10867
Yes I am a technician class licensee but have no problem with the peoples
use of Morse code and would support a code requirement only for the
highest available class of license. I feel that if we are going to require
that applicants demonstrate a proficiency in the code that we also
require that they demonstrate proficiency in phone, packet,
operation of radio equipment, emergency operations,
and antenna building practices. Finally I am of the opinion that if we
are going to test proficiency then we should not choose a single mode
of operation to require proficiency and neglect all the others. The
emergency organizations we support are seldom if ever supported
by any modes other than phone and packet. In conclusion there is
so much more to Amateur radio than antiquated modes of
communication and the general public is most benefited by technical
competence and dedication than the ability to send as little as 30 words
per minute .